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COUNCIL PAPERS 1698-1700.

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(CONTINUED)

PROCLAMATION BY NICHOLSON IN REGARD TO TRADE.

Virginia ss.

To all people to whom these presents Shall come I ffancis Nicholson Esq'r His Majesties Leiutenant and Govenour Gen'll of this His Colony and Dominion of Virginia send Greeting

Know you that I the Said ffancis Nicholson for the better and more due Observacon of One Act of Parliament made in the five and twentieth Yeare of the Reign of King Charles the Second Intituled an Act for Encouragement of the Eastland and Greeland Trades and for better Secureing the Plantacon trade have Deputed and Impowered and doe hereby Depute and Impower _____ to be Collector of all the Rates Duties and Impositions arising and groweing due to His Majesty in _____ in this His Maj'ts Colony and Dominion by Vertue of the Said Act whereby he hath power to enter into any Ship Bottom Boat or other Vessel as also into any Shop House Warehouse Hostlery or other place whatsoever to make dilligent Search into any Trunk Chest Pack Case Truss or any other Parcell or Package whatsoever for any good's Wares or Merchandises prohibited to be imported or exported or whereof the Customes or other Duties have not been duly paid and the Same to Seize to His Maj'ts use And also to put in Execucon all other lawfull Powers

and authorities for the better managing and Collecting the Said Duties in all things proceeding as the law directs hereby willing and requireing all and every His Maj'ts Officers and Ministers and all others whom it may concern to be aiding and assisting to him in all things as becometh And I doe further grant to the Said that he Shall enjoy the Said Office During Pleasure or untill the Hon'ble Comiconers of His Maj'ts Customes Shall give further or other Direcons therein Giveing under my hand and Seal this Day of in the Eleventh Yeare of His Maj'ts Reigne An'oqt Dm. 1699. A Comicon for to be Collector of

PROCLAMATION BY NICHOLSON IN REGARD TO SHIPPING.

Virginia ss.

To all people to whom these presents Shall come I ffancis Nicholson Esqr His Maj'ts Leiutenant and Govenour Generall of this His Colony and Dominion of Virginia send Greeting--

Know Yee that I the said ffancis Nicholson by Virtue of one Act of Parliament made in the twelfth yeare of the Reign of King Charles the second Intituled an Act for the Encourageing and increasing of Shipping and Navigacon & one Act of parliam't made in the fifteenth yeare of his s'd Maj'tys Reign Ent'd an act for ye encouragem't of trade and one Act of Parliam't made in the twenty second and twenty third Yeares of the Reign of the Said King Charles Intituled an Act to prevent the planting of Tobacco in England and regulateing the plantacon Trade And one Act of Parliam't made in the twenty fifth Year of the Reign of the Said King Charles Intituled an Act for the encouragem't of the Greenland and Eastland Trades and for the better Secureing the plantacon trade and One Act of Parliam't made in the seventh and eighth Yeares of his late Maj'ts Reign Intituled an act for the preventing frauds and regulateing abuses in the plantacon trade and in pursuance of the Authorities by the Said Acts of Parliam't and every of them to me

given have Deputed and impowered and doe hereby Depute
 and Impower within the
 precincts or Districts of in this His Maj'ts
 Colony and Dominion pursuant to the Said Acts of Parliam't
 to Execute the Office and Duty of the Officer comonly called
 and known by the Name of the Navall Officer with all and
 singular the Rights powers and Authority's to me given thereby
 According to the severall Rules Orders and Direcons therein
 prescribed and also to put in execucon all other lawfull powers
 and Authorities belonging to the said office in all things pro-
 ceeding as the Law directs Hereby willing and requireing all
 and every his Maj'ts Officers and Ministers and all others
 whom it may concern to be aiding and assisting to him in all
 things as becometh and I doe further grant unto the Said
 that he Shall enjoy the Said Office dureing pleasure given under
 my hand and Seal at James Citty the day of
 in the Eleventh yeare of His Maj'ts Reign Anoq Dm 1692
 A Comicon for to be Navall Officer
 of

PROCLAMATION IN REGARD TO THE PUBLIC REVENUE.

Virginia ss.

To all to whom these presents Shall come I ffancis Nicholson
 Esq'r His Maj'ts Leiutenant and Govenour Generall of this
 His Maj'ts Colony and Dominion of Virginia send Greeting

Know Yee that I the Said ffancis Nicholson By Vertue of
 One Act of Assembly made at James Citty the Eighth day of
 June 1680 Intituled an Act for raising a publick Revenue for
 the better Support of the Governm't of this His Maj'ts Colony
 of Virginia And One Act of Assembly made at James Citty
 the tenth day of October 1693 Intituled an Act laying an Im-
 position upon Skins and ffurs for the better Support of the Col-
 ledge of William and Mary in Virginia, and One Act of As-
 sembly made at James Citty the twenty seaventh day of Aprill
 1699, Intituled an Act for Lessening the Levy by the Poll and

laying and imposicon upon Liquors for and towards the building the Capitoll and other Publick uses and one Act of Assembly made upon the said twenty seventh Day of Aprill Intituled an Act for Laying an Imposicon upon servants and slaves Imported into this Country towards the building the Capitoll by the advice of His Maj'ts Hon'ble Councill of State for this His Colony and Dominion have appointed deputed and Impowered and doe hereby appoint Depute and impower

to be Collector and Receiver of all the Rates Duties and Impositions ariseing and groweing Due to His Maj'ty in this the precinct or District of

within this His Maj'ts Colony and Dominion by `Virtue of the Said Acts of Assembly or any of them to and for the Severall uses therein menconed and directed and I doe also comiconate and authorise the Said to putt

in execucon all lawfull powers and authorities for the better manageing and Collecting the Said Duties in all things proceeding as the law directs, hereby willing and requireing all and every His Maj'ts Officers and Ministers and all others whom it may concern to be aiding and assisting to him in all things as becometh, and I doe further grant unto the said

that he Shall enjoy the said Office during pleasure Given under my hand and seal at James Citty the day of in the Eleventh Year of His Maj'ts Reign Annoq. Dm. 1699.

A Comicon for Gent to be Collect●
of ye Virginia Duties in

THE OATH OF A COLLECTOR.

I: A: B: of in the Colony of Virginia doe solemnly Swear to doe my utmost that all matters and things contained in an Act of Parliament made in England in the twelfth year of the Reign of his late Maj'ty King Charles the Second Intituled an Act for encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and navigacon and one other Act made in the fifteenth

Yeare of the Reign of the said King Charles the second Intituled an act for the Encouragm't of trade and one Act of parliam't made in the twenty second and third yeares of the Reign of the said King Charles the second Intituled an act to prevent the planting Tobacco in England and regulateing the Plantacon Trade, and one Act of Parliam't made in the twenty fifth yeare of the Reign of the said King Charles the Second Intituled an act for the Encouragm't of the Green land and Eastland trades and for the better Secureing of the plantacon trade and one Act of Parliam't made in y'e seventh and eighth yeares of His pr'sent Maj'ts Reign Intituled an act for the preventing frauds and regulateing abuses in the Plantation trade and also all other Acts which have been made for the beter regulateing and secureing the Plantacon trade so far as y'e same are now in force Shall be punctually and bona fide observed according to the true intent and meaning thereof soe far as appertaines to me the Collector of the said District.

Soe help me God.

(The Oath of the Navall Officer is the same as that of the Collector *Mutatis mutandis*)

THE OATH OF THE COLLECTOR OF THE VIRGINIA DUTIES.

I: A: B: Collector of the Virginia Duties in the Precinct of
in the Colony of Virginia doe solemnly
Swear to doe my utmost that all the matters and things contained in one Act of Assembly made at James Citty the eighth day of June 1680 intituled an act for raising a publick Revenue for the better support of the Governm't of this His Maj'ts Colony of Virginia and one Act of Assembly made at James City the tenth day of October 1693 Intituled an Act for laying on Imposition on skins and ffurr's for the better support of the Colledge of William and Mary in Virginia And one act of Assembly made at James Citty the twenty Seaventh day of Aprill 1699 Intituled an Act for Lessening the Levy by the Poll

and laying an Imposicon upon liquor's for and towards the building the Capittoll and other publick uses and one Act of Assembly made at James Citty upon the said twenty seaventh day of Aprill, Intituled an Act for laying an Imposition on Servants and Slaves imported into this Country towards the building the Capitoll and also all other Acts of Assembly which have been made, and are now in force relateing to trade shall be punctually and bona fide observed according to the true intent and meaning thereof as far as appertains to me the Collector of the Virginia Duties, within the District aforesaid.
Soe help me God.

ORDERS IN REGARD TO PIRATES.

Whitehall, 25. September, 1697.

Sir

His Majesty having taken into Consideration how much it concerns the good of his Subjects, and y'e security of Trade, that all Pyrates and Sea Rovers should be supprest, who are observed to have very much Encreased of late in their numbers and to have done great damages as well to his Majesty's Subjects as to y'e Subjects of other princes and States in amity with his Majesty, and there being ground to beleive, that they have been encouraged to this boldness by the easy admittance they have found into his Majestyes Colonyes and Plantations in America where some of them have been protected, or were not Enquired after as ought to have been done in order to bringing them to punishment His Majesty has commanded me to signify his express pleasure to the respective Governours of the Colonyes aforesaid, that they use their utmost Diligence and strictly enjoyne the same to all officers under their Command, that due care be taken within the limits of their severall Jurisdictions, To Arrest, seize, and secure the Ships, Persons and Effects of all such Pyrates and Sea Rovers as also that a true and Exact Inventory be made of all Money Plate Jewells Goods or other Effects whatsoever brought in by, or any way belonging to the said Pyrates the same to be signed and attested

by proper Officers and that an account thereof, and of your proceedings herein, be by the first opportunity transmitted to his Majesty by the hands of one of his Principall Secretary's of State, to the end, that such further direcons may be sent you as his Majesty shall think necessary; All which you are therefore carefully to observe, and in each particular conform yourself to his Majestyes pleasure accordingly I am

Sir

Your most humble Servant
Shrewsbury

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq'r Governour of Maryland or in his absence to y'e Governour for y'e time being in Maryland.

INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO MARTIAL LAW.

William R.

(L. S.)

Additional Instructions for our Trusty and wellbeloved Francis Nicholson Esq'r. Our Lieutenant and Governour Generall of Our Colony and Dominion of Virginia in America. Given at our Court at Kensington the 31st Day of May 1699. In the Eleaventh Year of our Reign.

Whereas by a Clause in your Commision for the Government of our Colony & Dominion of Virginia, there is a power vested in you to execute Martiall Law in time of Invasion Insurrection or Warr, as also upon Soldiers in Pay, which implies a Power of Executing such Martiall Law upon Soldiers in Pay even in time of Peace, and whereas upon consideracon of y'e present time of Peace, We have thought fit that the foremenconed Words, **as also upon Soldiers in Pay**, be omitted in the like Commissions; Yet nevertheless it being necessary that care be taken for the keeping of good discipline amongst the soldiers in Pay that are now in any of our Plantacons or that we may at any time hereafter send thither which may be provided for

by y'e Legislative power in each of our said Plantacons respectively OUR WILL AND PLEASURE THEREFORE IS, that you FORBEAR in time of Peace to put the power conferred upon you by the foremenconed Words **also upon Soldiers in Pay**, in Execution: And that you recomend unto the Generall Assembly of our said Colony at such time as you shall find necessary The passing of such Act for the punishing of Mutiny Desertion and false Musters, and for the better preserving of good dicipline amongst Soldiers in pay as may best answer those ends.

By His Majesty's Command
Ja: Vernon.

ORDER IN REGARD TO SCOTCH VESSELS IN THE WEST INDIES.
(THE DARIEN SETTLEMENT.)

Duplicate
Sir

Whitehall 2d Janry 1698-99

His Maj'ty having received Advice from y'e Island of Jamaica that severall Ships of force fitted out in Scotland were arrived at y'e Island of S't Thomas, (with an Intencon as they Declared) to settle themselves in some parts of AMERICA their design being unknown to his Maj'ty least y'e same should derogate from y'e treaties his Maj'ty have entered into with y'e Crown of Spain or be otherwise prejudiciall to any of his Maj'ts Colonyes in y'e west Indies: his Maj'ty Comands me to signify his Pleasure to you, that you strictly enjoyn all his Maj'ts Subjects or others inhabiting within y'e districts of your Governm't that they forbear holding any correspondence with, or giving any assistance to any of y'e said p'sns, while they are engaged in y'e fores'd enterprize; & that no provisions, armes, amunicon or other necessarys whatsoever be carryed to them from thence, or be pmitted to be carryed either in their own Vessells or other Ships or Vessells for their use; his Maj'ty requires that you do not fail herein, but take particular care

that ye above menconed direcons be duly observed, and that you send hither an account of your proceedings in ye execucon of these his Commands. I am

Sir

Your most humble Servant

Ja: Vernon.

Whitehall. 18th June 1699.

Sir

I signified to You his Maj'ts Pleasure in January last concerning y'e scots who had undertaken an Expedicon to the West Indies, the place not being then known in which they designed to settle and his Maj'ty being since informed that they have taken possession of y'e Bay of Caerat near y'e Bay of Darien between Cartagena & Porto Bello and are fortifying themselves there, seeming resolved to maintain it by force against the Spaniards: His Maj'ty Considering this attempt as a violacon of the Treaty's subsisting between his Maj'ty and the Crown of Spain, Comands me to acquaint you that he expects his former orders should be strictly observed, a Duplicate whereof is therefore inclosed I suppose uopn the receipt of the first Letter You have given all necessary Directions that no Correspondence should be kept with ye said Scotch Colony and that no provisions, Ammunition or other assistance should be furnisht them, or be suffered to be conveyed to them from any part of your Government, His Maj'ty would have y'e same care continued, so as y'e said orders may in all particulars be fully obeyed and put in execucon.

I am

Sir

Your most humble Servant,

Ja: Vernon.

To

Francis Nicholson Esq'r His Maj'ts Lieutenant and Governour Generall of

Virginia

in

Ja: Vernon

America.

PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Whitehall June the 26th 1699.

Sir

His Majesty having been pleased by some late orders in Council to regulate certain matters relating to his Plantations in America, and to require us to signify his pleasure therein to the respective Governours of his said plantacons and do what may be thereupon further necessary.

You are to take notice, that his Majesty upon taking into Consideracon the Inconveniencies arising from the Execution of Patent places by Deputies either unqualified or too much inclined by the high Rents they pay unto Patentees, to make indirect advantages of their respective Places, has thought fit to order that all the Patent Officers within the plantacons be obliged by their patents or otherwise to actual Residence upon the place, and to execute their respective offices in their own persons unless in case of sickness or other Incapacity. And therefore in order to the better observacon of his Majestys pleasure in this particular, we think it necessary that you transmit unto Us by the first opportunity a full and perfect account of all the patent offices within your Government with the particular tenour and Condicon of each respective Grant and how those conditions are complied with in the Execution of the same: Which we shall accordingly expect.

You are also to take notice that his Majesty has been pleas'd to Direct concerning the Ships of War which are or may be appointed to attend any of his Plantacons that especiall care be taken that they be good Sailors; That they be annually relieved by others; That the Commanders thereof be strictly required to observe the Laws of the Plantacons relating to the Departure or Transportacon of the Inhabitants, and not to carry off any Inhabitants from the said Plantacons contrary to the Laws provided in each Plantacon respectively: And that they do not leave their stations in any of the Plantacons without the previous knowledge of the respective Governours of the said Plantacons and a due regard to his Maj'ts Service in those parts. Concerning all which matters in your Governm't, to-

gether with whatever else has been formerly signified unto you relating to his Maj'ts Ships of War there, We think it likewise necessary that you give us from time to time an exact account.

We have this to add in Particular relating to the Colony of Virginia that the Ship ordered by his Maj'ty for the Service there is to be of the sixth Rate.

And whereas great complaints are frequently made of the Mischeifs committed by Pyrates in remote parts, and of the support and encouragem't which they still find in his Maj'ts Plantacons in America notwithstanding the repeated directions that have been given to the respective Govern'rs thereof to take all possible care for the preventing of such ill practices we cannot but thereupon mind you to use & continue your utmost diligence in discovering, suppressing and punishing all offenders & offences of that kind whatsoever within your Governm't; And to that intent we more particularly recomend to your care that strict inquiry be made after the ship & men described in the enclosed paper, and that such of them as can be found, be punished with the utmost severity of Law and the ship and cargo secured for those to whom they do belong. So we bid you heartily farewell.

Your very Loving Friends
Stamford
Lexington
Ph: Meadows
John Locke
Abr: Hill

BOARD OF TRADE TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Whitehall June the 28th 1699.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 4th and 27th of February last with the severall Papers therein menconed, And as we

have been alway's satisfied with the exact method of your advices, and are so with the account you have now given us of your proceedings as well In leaving the Government of Maryland, as since your Entrance upon the Government of Virginia, we desire you to continue the same punctuall advice upon all occasions, with Assurance that we will not be wanting in anything that lyes in us to second your Endeavours in promoting his Majesty's Service and the Interest of the Colony Comitted to your Charge.

There is a Clause in your Instructions relating to the repealing of an Act past in the Generall Assembly there in 1680 about Attorneys, which having been given in the same manner to former Governours, we desire you to inform us particularly how that matter at present stands.

You will observe by a Clause in your Instructions relating to the building of a house for your self and other successive Governour of that Colony to live in that it is thought necessary such a house be built, and that his Maj^{ty} does not think fitt to continue the former allowance of a Hundred and fifty pounds P An. to Governours for hous rent. Therefore we expect to hear of your Endeavours to promote that work, and your report thereupon according to the tenour of that Clause.

The Revisall of the laws of that Colony is also a thing esteemed to be highly necessary towards the affecting which S^r Edmund Andros advised us some while since of the Endeavours he had used and of the Difficulties that occurred therein, chiefly through a disagreement between the Councill and Assembly. Wherefore the same thing being again recomended to your care by your Instructions as we doubt not of your Endeavours therein we shall be glad to hear that the prove effectuall for the accomplishm^t of so usefull a Work.

There are many other things in your Instructions somewhat different from those which have been given to former Governours which have bin thought for his Maj^{ty}'s service & y^e welfare of that Colony And therefore tho' we doubt not of your Care in all, yet we desire more particularly an account of your proceedings

in those of that kind and how you find them suited to the present state of that Colony. So we bid you heartily Farewell.

Your loving Friends.

Stamford
Lexington
Ph. Meadows
John Locke
Abr. Hill

AUDITOR BYRD'S ACCOUNT OF IMPORT AND EXPORT DUTIES, 1699.

Virg'a ss William Byrd Aud^r to his Maj^{ties} 1699 Revenue of Two shillings for Every H^de of Tobacco Exported out of this Colony of Virg'a and 15^d P Tun for every Ship trading There and Sixpence p^r pole for every P son imported into this Colony for halfe a Year Ending the twenty fourth of December inclusive

	Li	s	is D ^r d
June 24			
To Ball ^{es} due from this Accomptant to his Maj ^{ty}	974.....	13.....	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
To Col'o Rich ^d Lee Coll'ctr of Poto- mack District his Account of Two Shillings P H ^d e Comitted Last Acco ^t	502.....	06.....	5
To his Acco ^t of port Duty's and Head Money	176.....	19.....	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
To Col'o Scarburgh his Acco ^t of the Eastern Shore district Two Shillings P H ^d e	41.....	2.....	0
To his Acco ^t port Duty's and Head Money	9.....	8.....	6
To Col'o Hill Collect ^r of the Upper- District of James River his Ac- count of Two Shillings P H ^d e	10.....	6.....	0
To his Acco ^t of port Duty's and Head Money	4.....	7.....	6

Col'o Edm Jenings Collect ^r of Yorke River his Acco ^t of Two Shill- ings P H ^{de}	24.....	18.....	0
To his Account of port Dutyes and Head Money	6.....	12.....	0
To Ralph Wormely Esq ^r Collect ^r of Rappahanocke district his Ac- co ^t of two Shillings P H ^{de}	73.....	12.....	2
To his Account of port Duty's & head Money	27.....	5.....	6
To M ^r Peter Hayman Collect ^r of the Low ^r dstrict of James River his Acco ^t of two Shillings P H ^{de}	107.....	10.....	0
To his Acco ^t of port Duties and head Money	27.....	13.....	3
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CONTRA CREDITOR

Li s d

By paid his Excellency for six Mon- eths Salary Ending the Twenty- fourth of Decemb ^r 1699 by or- der of his Excellency.....	1000.....	0.....	0
By paid his Excell ^{ty} Six Moneths House rent Ending the same time by Order as before.....	76.....	0.....	0
By paid the Hon'ble W ^m Blathwayt Esq ^r his Maj ^{ty} Aud ^r &c a Six moneths Salary ending the 24 th Xb ^r 1699 by order before.....	50.....	0.....	0
By paid M ^r - Benj'a Harrison Clke of the Councill six moneths Sal- ary Ending the same time by order as before.....	25.....	00.....	00
By paid Bartholomew fowler Esq ^r his Maj ^{ty} Attorney Gen'll six mon- eths Salary ending the same time time by order as before....	20.....	00.....	00

By paid the Solicit ^r of Virg'a affairs six moneths Salary ending the same time by order as before.....	50.....	00.....	00
By paid Edward Ross Gunner of the fort at James City six moneths Salary ending the same time by order as before.....	5.....	00.....	00
By paid M ^r Benj'a Harrison Clerke of the Councill for y ^e Ministers Last Gen'l Court and for Mes- sages and other Extraordinary Charges of the Government by order as before.....	29.....	00	9
By the Collectors Salary of £1012.00 05 ^d at 10 P Cent.....	101.....	4.....	0½
By the Auditors Salary of £910.16 4¾ at 7½ P Cent.....	68.....	6.....	2
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	£1424.....	10.....	11½

So that there remains due to his Maj ^{ty} from this Accomptant the Sume of five hundred Sixty Two pounds Two Shillings and nine peace half penny to Ball'a this Account.....	562.....	2.....	9½
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	£1986.....	13.....	9

Memorand. The Gent of his Maj^{ty} Hon'ble Councill were paid their Salary's but till the 27th of Aprill Last as P last account sent will appear, so that in Aprill next they will have the whole years Salary due to them. Viz^t £350 Sterl.

BOARD OF TRADE TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

Whitehall November the 30th 1699

Sir

We shall ere long give you a particular answer to your Letter of the 1st of July last. But in y^e mean while a Letter from his Maj^{ty} relating to pyrates (tho' it be not y^e main thing intended on that Subject) lying in our hands and an Opportunity offering of sending it by D^r Bray who is going for Maryland and will take care to transmit it to you by some safe Conveyance, We would not omit to send it accordingly here inclosed. So we bid you heartily Farewell.

Your very Loving Friends

Stanford

Ph: Meadows

William Blathwayt

John Pollexfen

For His Maj^{ty} Especiall Service

For The Hon^{ble} Francis Nicholson Esq^r Lieutenant and Governor General of His Maj^{ty} Colony and Dominion of Virginia in America, Or to the Commander in Chief of that Province for the time being.

Virginia.

 PROCLAMATION IN REGARD TO PIRATES

William R.

Trusty and Welbeloved. We Greet you well

Whereas in y^e frequent Resort of Pyrates to several of our Plantations in America it may sonetimes happen that you may have intelligence of some of them keeping upon their Guard or at a distance by Sea or Land either within or in the Neighbourhood of our Colony and Dominion of Virginia committed to your Charge so that it may be difficult for you to seize them either by surprize or force in such cases therefore (as opportunities may offer) you are to insinuate to them by Letters, Mes-

sengers or otherwise in the best manner You can that those who shall be forwardest to surrender themselves and most ingenious in their Confessions will have the surest grounds to hope for our Mercy.

And Whereas We have been informed from Severall of Our said plantations that divers persons committed for Pyracý have through the Neglect or Willfull Connivance of the Goalers escaped out of the respective Goales to which they were so committed which is a matter of such Consequence as deserves to be strictly looked into We do hereby will and Require you upon any such occasion happening within our said Colony and Dominion of Virginia to use your utmost endeavors that the goalers and all other persons concern'd or assisting in that Crime be punished for the Same with the utmost severity of the Law or if the Law of our said Colony and Dominion of Virginia be defective in that point that you endeavor to get some effectuall Act past there for preventing not only the like Mischiefe, but in General the Escape of all Prisoners for the future. Given at Our Court at Kensington the 10th day of November, 1699, In the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

By his Majesties Command.

To Our Trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esq^r Our Lieutenant Governour and Comander in Cheif of Our Colony and Dominion of Virginia in America.

And to Our Chief Governour or Governours there for the time being.

PROCLAMATION IN REGARD TO PIRATES

William R.

Trusty and well Beloved wee greet you well.

Whereas we have been informed that Severall Pirates have been lately Seized in our Plantations in America and it being Necessary that due Care be taken for bringing them and all others that May in Like Manner be Seized hereafter to Con-dign Punishment wee do hereby will and require you to Send hither in Safe Custody all Pirates who are or shall be in Prison

in our Collony and Dominion of Virginia under yo^r Governm^t at the time of yo^r Receiving this directions and also to send the Wittnesses and other Evidences upon which the s^d Pirates have been Seized and w^{ch} May be of any use towards thire Conviction here that Soe they May be Tryed and Punished According to Law, and in the Meanwhile to take Care that the goods and Effects of the s^d Pirates be Secured Soe that they May hereafter be disposed of as Shall be by Law determined

And for all other Pirates that May be Seized in our s^d Collony of Virg'a for the future OUR will and Pleasure is that if you Judge by the Circumstances of any Particular Case and by the Laws in force and disposition of the People in our Said Collony of Virginia that such Pirates may be more Speedyly and Effectually Brought to Punishm^t there then by Sending them heither, you take Care in all Such Cases that they be Tryed thire and punished according to the Sentences that Shall be given but if you Judge otherwise by the disposition of the people or by defects in the Law there or other Circumstances you are to Send them hither in Maner afores^d And in both Cases OUR WILL and PLEASURE is that you take such Care that thire Goods & Effects be Secured Soe that they May be forth Coming to be disposed off according as the Law shall directe and Soe wee Bid you farewell given at o^r Court at Kinsington y^e Tenth day of ffebruary 1699 in the Eleventh Year of o^r Reign.

By his Maj^{ties} Comands

Vernon

To our Trusty and well Beloved ffancis Nicholson Esq^r Lieu^t and Gov^r Generall of our Collony and Dominion of Virginia in America or our Comander in Chief of our Said Collony for the time being.

Virginia.

COMMISSION OF ROBERT CARTER AND JOHN CUSTIS AS COUN-
CILLORS

William R.

Trusty and well Beloved wee greet you well.

Whereas wee have Reced a good Character of the Loyalty

Integrity and Ability of our Trusty and well Beloved Robert Carter and John Custis Esq^{rs} wee have thought fitt hereby to Signify our will and Pleasure to you and accordingly OUR will and pleasure is that forthwith upon Receipt hereof you Cause the s^d Robert Carter and John Custis to be Sworne of the Councill of o^r Collony and Dominion of Virginia and for Soe doing this Shalbe yo^r warr^t. AND Soe wee Bid you farewell Given at o^r Court at Kinsington the 26th day of December 1699 In the Eleventh Year of o^r Reign.

By his Majesties
Command.
Jersey.

M^r Nicholson Gover^r of Virginia.

To our Trusty and well Beloved ffancis Nicholson Esq^r our L^t and Governor and Comander In Cheif of our Colony and Dominion of Virginia in america and to our Cheife Gov^r or Governors there for the time being.

PROCLAMATION IN REGARD TO HUGUENOTS

William R.

Trusty and well Beloved, wee Greet you well.

Whereas y^e Marquis de La Muce Monseieur de Sailly, and Severall other french Protestant Refugiez have by their petition humbly Craved our Leave to Settle themselves In Norfolk County In Virginia und^r yo^r Government and whereas wee are graciously pleased to afford them y^e s^d Refugeiz all reasonable Countenance and Assistance In ord^r to further and facilitate these Settlements there accordingly Wee Do hereby Will and Require you upon their arrivall there to give them all possible Incouragem^t by granting unto them such Tracts of Land as usual to new Comers In y^e Province and giveing them Such further Assistance in Settleing their famalies and promoteing their Endeavours In planting as may be reasonable, And So wee bid you farewell.

Given at our Court at Kinsington y^e 18th day of March 17 ⁵³/₅₃.
In y^e Twelfth Year of our Reign.

By His Maj^{ty}^s Comand
Jersey

To y^e Gover^r of Virginia.

To our Trusty and Well Beloved ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r our
Lie^t Gover^r and Comand^r In Cheif of our Colony and Dominion
of Virginia in a Merica or to Our Cheif Gov^ror Gov^{rs} there for
the time being.

PROCLAMATION IN REGARD TO HUGUENOTS

Whitehall April y^e 12th 1700.

S^r

His Majesty haveing been Graciously Pleased upon our humble representation, by a Letter und^r his Royall Sign Manuall to require you to give all possible Incouragem^t to y^e Marquis De La Muce Monseiur De Saily and other french protestants in their Design to Settle in Virginia and those Gentlemen being now about to Embark themselves wee Can Do no Less than recomend them to your favourable Assistance Upon their Arrivall there In order to their Intended Settlement.

In our Letter of y^e fourth of January Last wee writ you our thoughts upon a proposall made by y^e Earle of Bellomont for opening a new Trade wth some Western Indians; and his Lordship haveing since Informed us y^t Some of those Indians had Killed and Scalped five of y^e New York Indians, Called Genevas, wee think it y^e more necessary y^t y^e use yo^r Endeavours, In Concert wth y^e Gover^r of Maryland to Settle Some trade or Intercourse wth those Indians In order for the preventing of any Such Like Mischief for the future.

And whereas thee Earle of Bellomont has upon that Occasion Desired us to procure his Maj^{ties} Leave y^t he may have a meeting wth y^e and Coll. Blackiston Philadelphia, Wee by his Maj^{ties} Ord^r Signified to his Lordship and do y^e Same now to you, y^t his Maj^{ties} Is Pleased to approve of y^e proposed meet-

ng and Gives Leave Accordingly that it be wherever you shall
agree amongst your Selves. So wee bid you heartily farewell.

Your Very Loveing friends.

Wee Desire you to forward
y^e Inclosed Letter to Francis
Nicholson Esq^r

Stanford
Lexington
Ph: Meadows
William Blathwayt
John Pollexfen
Abr. Hill
George Stepney.

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